

**Appl. No. 09/652,322**  
**Amdt. dated March 24, 2005**  
**Reply to Office action of January 28, 2005**

#### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants received the Notice of Allowance dated January 28, 2005, in which the Examiner: (1) amended the title; and (2) allowed claims 1-47. In this Response, Applicants amend the title. Applicants also submit comments on statement of reasons for allowance.

In the Notice of Allowance dated January 28, 2005, the Examiner amended the title to read, "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDUCING NETWORK MESSAGE ROUTING LATENCY BETWEEN THE NETWORK PORTS USING A PREDETERMINED PRIORITIZATION IN COMBINATION WITH A LEAST-RECENTLY-GRANTED PRIORITIZATION." Applicants find the Examiner's amendment unacceptable at least because the language "using a predetermined prioritization in combination with a least-recently-granted prioritization" does not appear in the allowed independent claims 14, 23 and 24. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the title to read, "PRIORITY RULES FOR REDUCING NETWORK MESSAGE ROUTING LATENCY," as originally filed.

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#### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, Applicants wish to clarify that the limitations of each claim are to be interpreted separately. The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance appears to suggest that all the claims are allowable based on the limitation "a predetermined prioritization and [in combination with] a least-recently-granted prioritization." However, at least the allowed independent claims 14, 23 and 24 do not include this limitation. Again, Applicants clarify that each claim is to be interpreted separately.

#### CONCLUSION

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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